



The United States Army Band

"Pershing's Own"

Colonel Gary F. Lamb

Leader & Commander

The U.S. Army Broadway Trio

The Broadway Trio of The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" first performed in 1987 and has been performing for high-level official functions in and out of Washington, D.C. ever since. From state functions to NATO conferences and in settings ranging from the Vice-President's swimming pool to the Capitol Rotunda, this trio has been sharing their great love for the music of Broadway with a wide versatile repertoire.

Tenor, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Ford, is a native of Knoxville, Tennessee and a graduate of Austin Peay State University. He began his military career as a member of the U.S. Navy Band and was a vocalist with the Navy Sea Chanters for six years. In 1995 he jumped ship to join The U.S. Army Chorus.

Sgt. 1st Class Beverley Benda began the Broadway Duo in 1987 with retired Sgt. Major Jim Golterman. With a BA from James Madison University and an MA from Eastern Illinois University, she went on to complete the coursework for the DMA in vocal performance and earned the Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music. In 1987 she joined The U.S. Army Chorale as a soprano.

In 1990 Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Holt joined The U.S. Army Band as its premier concert pianist and became the pianist for the Broadway Trio. He holds a bachelor's degree and the Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music, an MM from Shenandoah Conservatory and a DMA from The Catholic University of America.

As a team, the Trio's performances of show music from Gershwin, Rodgers & Hammerstein to Andrew Lloyd Webber have made them favorites throughout official Washington. Specialty songs often performed in the languages of foreign guests have endeared American hospitality to delighted dignitaries through their gift of music.

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